

with the great famine. Together we have worked hard to insure that the people of Ireland never again face such terrible hardships, and deprivation of basic human rights and human dignity.

We must also all continue to work for a permanent end to the troubles in Ireland, through a just and lasting peace. I know we will eventually see lasting peace and justice a permanent feature on that beautiful Emerald Isle in the Irish Sea. It is the hope and dream of all of us as we approach St. Patrick's Day once again.

TRIBUTE TO ROSA LIVERPOOL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, the Borough of Brooklyn is fortunate to have Rosa Liverpool as a citizen. Rosa has been an achiever in spite of adversity. She was the first African-American graduate from the Slovak Girls Academy, and subsequently earned her undergraduate degree from Mercy College, and her master's degree in counseling from Manhattan College.

After receiving her degrees, Rosa began working for the city of New York. She has particular expertise in early identification and reporting of abuse and neglect of children. In 1979 Rosa began working with patients and their families who were addicted to opiates. Presently, Ms. Liverpool is the district guidance counselor for community school district 19. She is also the child abuse and neglect liaison as well as the suicide prevention specialist for district 19. Rosa has been actively involved in the east New York community of Brooklyn.

Ms. Liverpool chairs the education committee for the Rosetta Gaston Foundation, and is also a member of community board No. 5. She has worked with local storeowners to provide donations for block activities, and coordinated job fairs for east New York residents. Rosa leads by her example, and is destined to leave a lasting legacy.

ROSE TUCKER HONORED

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and a distinguished community leader, Mrs. Rose Tucker. Mrs. Tucker has just completed a term as a member of the Luzerne County Board of Commissioners and will be honored for her service at a testimonial on March 1, 1996. It is my deep honor to join the many friends and colleagues of this extraordinary woman, who has earned a very special place in the history of Luzerne County.

Rose Tucker hails from my hometown, Nanticoke, PA. With a strong northeastern PA. With a strong northeastern Pennsylvanian upbringing and education, Rose committed much of her life to serving her community. At the beginning of her long career, Rose was at the

forefront of providing much needed services to migrant workers in northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1973, she became a human services planner for the United Services Agency. Her interests then led her to become the executive director of the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program. In 1979, Rose initiated and implemented the Community Cancer Corp. of Luzerne County under the auspices of the Luzerne County Medical Society. In 1982, Rose proved her business acumen by owning and operating a successful travel agency in Pittston, PA.

During this time, Rose furthered her commitment to ensuring health care for northeastern and central Pennsylvanians. In 1989, Rose became the director of public affairs for the Maternal and Health Services Corp. which cares for individuals and families in 15 counties throughout the region.

Mr. Speaker, in 1992 Rose Tucker took on her greatest challenge. She sought and was elected to the board of commissioners of Luzerne County. A year later, she was elected to chair the board. As one of the three chief executives of Luzerne County, Rose faced the challenge of governing a county confronting many difficult decisions. As an advocate of economic development in the region, Rose was responsible for bringing new jobs and opportunities to the county. She understood the importance of changing the coal town image of our area and preparing the county for the 21st century. Rose managed to exert strong leadership while maintaining her close connection to the people of Luzerne County, and her dedication to the people she served is greatly appreciated. She is truly a beloved public figure.

Mr. Speaker, I have known Rose Tucker for many years and consider myself fortunate to be included among her many friends. While facing the daily challenges of elected office, Rose endured the agony of watching her husband, Leonard, battle cancer. My wife Nancy and I joined Rose, her friends, and family in mourning his passing.

I am extremely proud to have the opportunity to pay tribute to the career of this distinguished public servant. It has been my pleasure to bring Rose's many accomplishments to the attention of my colleagues. The entire community thanks Rose Tucker for a job well done, and wishes her the very best.

TRIBUTE TO HANDGUN CONTROL ADVOCATE RICHARD M. ABORN

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an esteemed colleague and courageous public citizen, Mr. Richard Aborn, who has helped me and others lead the charge for tougher handgun laws. On the eve of his retirement from Handgun Control, Inc., he has inspired everyone committed to improving law enforcement policy in the United States. For all of those who work toward making our communities safe, from police officers, to neighborhood groups, Richard has provided the vision and the leadership needed to encourage all in their quest for a society free from gun violence and destruction.

As an advocate for gun control since 1979, Richard worked at the Manhattan District Attorney's office, where he prosecuted homicide and gun distribution cases. His interest in reforming our Nation's weak gun laws motivated him to volunteer for Handgun Control, Inc., and in 1992 was elected president. He was also selected as president of the Center To Prevent Handgun Violence, working in tandem with Handgun Control to develop comprehensive handgun control policies. As one of the principal strategists behind passage of the Brady bill and the assault weapons ban, Richard worked against the odds to surprise the pundits and help these crucial laws on the books. He has also used his immeasurable energy and influence to lobby for gun control measures at the State and local level.

Not only has Richard contributed to reducing gun violence at the Federal level, but he has also been instrumental in establishing New York City's STAR Program—Straight Talk About Risks—the Nation's only prekindergarten through 12th grade program designed to reduce gun injuries through education. This ingenious program addresses gun violence before it starts. His contribution to New York City serves as a model for all concerned citizens wishing to stop violence in their own communities.

Throughout my entire public career I have rarely met anyone with more conviction to a specific cause than Richard. His remarkable dedication resulted in landmark laws that have made our streets and schools safer. I would like to personally thank him for his time, energy, and spirit in helping me and others begin to realize our dream of living in a society free from guns and violence. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring him as he completes his time as president of Handgun Control.

TRIBUTE TO TUSHIA N. FISHER

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 29, 1996

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Ms. Tushia N. Fisher who is employed as a special assistant to the New York State Senate minority leader, Martin Connor. She is a student enrolled in the State University of New York Empire State College, in a combined master's degree program in political science.

Tushia is a remarkable example of a 1990's woman, dedicated to her family, striving to improve herself as a single parent, and dedicated to improving and empowering her community. Tushia believes that children are our future. She has embarked on a campaign, starting with her 6-year-old son Jamere Jamison, to improve the plight of African-American youth. Her efforts include volunteering at the Interfaith Hospital holiday drive, as well as the City Kids Foundation. Additionally, Tushia is an active member of Concord Baptist Church. She provides a wonderful example for single and dedicated parents about how to pursue personal and professional development while providing volunteer service to her community. I am happy to cite this wonderful community success story.